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## Libertarians Find 'Common Ground'

The Libertarian Party's convention welcomed speakers who are sympathetic to many libertarian ideas but don't necessarily agree with the LP across the board.

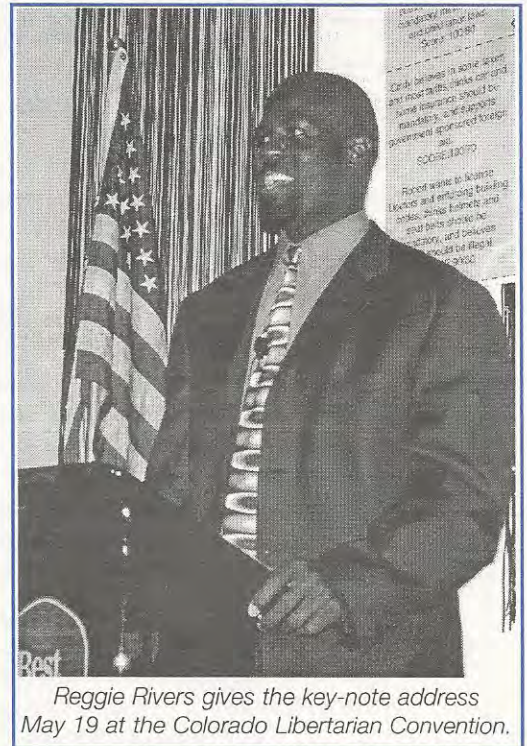
Reggie Rivers—former Broncos player, radio show host, and columnist—spoke at the banquet May 19 and called for tolerance and limited state power. "Many people in the general population are committed to the brand of freedom they choose," he said. "People act on beliefs without thinking them through."

For example, Rivers noted it's ok to take a person out for dinner and a movie and then have sex, but if the cash equivalent of dinner and a movie is offered for sex, then that's illegal. He said that the general attitude seems to be, "If it offends, it should be outlawed." He added that our "system asks us to see beyond our own prejudices and see that people have fundamental freedoms."

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### Breaking News: LPCO Forced to Move

Details will follow in the next issue. Please note the new address:  
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Reggie Rivers gives the key-note address May 19 at the Colorado Libertarian Convention.

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Bob Glass addresses the LP.

"We need to put the Libertarian Party—and liberty—on the map of American politics," Bob Glass told party members May 20 at the convention.

Glass said he may seek the Libertarian Party's nomination for the governor's race next year against incumbent Republican Bill Owens. Glass said that "Owens went about an agenda to actively destroy our rights."

Glass faces competition for the nomination. James Vance writes on his web page ([www.jamesvance.com](http://www.jamesvance.com)), "Right now I am seeking the nomination of the Libertarian Party of Colorado and endorsement as their candidate for governor." Vance previously considered running under the Reform Party banner, but he "felt more comfortable" with

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## Notes from the Chair: Goal Tending

"Hello?" Tap-tap-tap. "Is this thing on? Can you hear me in the back?"

Good.

One of the nice things about being chair is this newsletter column. It is sort of like a microphone, letting me talk to everyone at once. It is about the only fringe benefit I get. (I am still waiting on the limo and the mountain retreat I was promised.)



Yes, they went and made me chairman. Silly, of course, but that is what happens when you hold conventions at hotels with bars. For those of you who nominated me and voted for me: thank you, I am honored, and I am busy plotting my revenge.

Meanwhile, there are things we need to talk about. We have just held our first meeting of the new board, where I told the board members about my three main goals. The first one had to do with advertising—more on that another day. The third goal was—well, let me wait until I can dedicate a whole column to it; it takes a lot of explaining. The second goal was the one with the most immediacy: we must build committees, quickly.

Okay, you can stop looking for back doors and bolt-holes. Nobody is getting out of here until we have had this out.

We elect a nine-member board: one chair, one treasurer, and seven directors. Now, the very fact that we call the good people in that last group "directors" indicates that they are supposed to be directing somebody. Putting that aside, if we leave these directors to do everything themselves, they will do their damndest, but they will soon have worked themselves to a frazzle and will be ready for the libertarian funny farm. They need your help. The party needs your help.

I am asking everybody within the sound of my voice—um, words—to donate two hours a week to the party.

Yes, you are busy—so am I—but I am asking it anyway. Find something you would like to do for the party—other than holding silly philosophical arguments—and contact the relevant director. If you like to talk to new members or the general public, we have places for you. If you like to write, we can use you. If you like to teach, we need teachers aplenty. If you like spreadsheets, databases, or programming for the Internet, yes, we can use you too.

And, if you do like holding silly philosophical arguments, then call Ari (303.412.8356) and volunteer for the newsletter crew. You can put your hands to good use while you wax philosophic.

If you want to help—and, of course, you do—but you do not know how you can help, contact Brian Rachocki (303.814.0272). Just tell him what you are good at or what you like doing and he will find a place for you.

But it could be that what you want to do does not fit properly under any director. That is okay. Just lay out what you want to do and take on the task. For instance, Lloyd Sweeney is very interested in the Minor Party Summit, so he is investing his own time and money getting it done.

If, on the other hand, you have this terrific plan, one that will solve all or some of our problems, but you do not wish to work on it yourself—well, I don't want to hear about it and neither does the board. We do not have the time or manpower to do all the things we are supposed to get done, never mind work on something that you will not do yourself. So, if you think there is something we should be doing, go out and get it done. That is what we are supposed to be all about, is it not?

You all know the story as well as I do. The more people who volunteer, the more we can get done, and the more the party can accomplish. If you do nothing, then the day of freedom is that much farther away.

Can you live with that?

In Freedom,  
John Berntson

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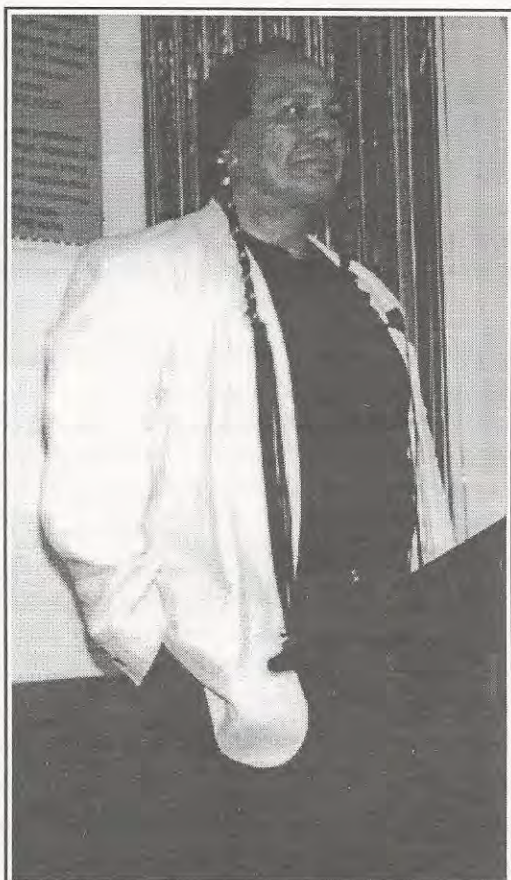
# Howell, Means Bring Vision to May Convention

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"I want to thank you for your struggles," Russell Means told the Libertarians at their state convention. Means and Carla Howell addressed the members on Saturday, May 19. Means, a founder of the American Indian Movement, has announced his intention to run for governor of New Mexico, while Howell may run for governor of Massachusetts.

Means said he learned lessons from his mother that started him on the road to joining the LP. "The very first thing I learned is responsibility. To be free, you are free to be responsible," he said. "Inside each and every one of us is that need to be free. The Democrats and Republicans are trying to smother that feeling, that need that we have," he continued.

"We can't let a country founded on principles founder," Means told the crowd. Referring to Libertarians, Means said, "Finally—a group of people with principles. Politics is not the art of compromise, it is the art of principles." He added, "I read the Libertarian platform once. You have to read the platforms of the other parties every four or five years, because they keep changing."



*Russell Means urges Libertarians to bring passion to their advocacy.*

Means believes a key to Libertarian success is to attract current non-voters. "These people are not apathetic, they're just honest," he said. "I want to recapture 50 percent plus one of the national electorate, and 50 percent plus one don't vote... I want to take our message to those people who haven't been voting. They're the ones who want to be free."

Means said Libertarians often couch their message in dry, technical terms. "We've got to start talking to America," he said. "We have the best message in the world." He doesn't want Libertarians to get caught up in lofty arguments about, say, monetary policy, when they're talking to the public. To those who criticize him for eschewing such argument, Means said, "I'm not the perfect Libertarian and I hope I never am."

Means said, "I still have this feeling that my people are still enslaved. I'm not talking about Indians—I'm talking about Native Americans, those born in North America." He referred to the Waco conflagration as the "white man's Wounded Knee." "We really have to fight," he said, "not amongst ourselves, but for the people."



*Carla Howell says boldness is the key to Libertarian victory.*

## Boldness: The Key to Victory

Howell began, "Why are you a Libertarian? We seek liberty, individual responsibility, and small government. Big government folds, spindles, and mutilates freedom."

The income tax and the war on drugs destroys our liberties. Welfare leads to irresponsibility, and government schools are "teaching disabled." Government intervention has left our health care system in a shambles, and airports are congested because of government control. Howell referred to the "Big Dig" in Massachusetts, which is ten years late and billions of dollars over budget.

In general, Howell argued, big government doesn't work. It often makes problems worse, it creates whole new sets of problems, it wastes resources, and it "diverts money and energy from positive projects."

Howell said there are two types of Libertarians: incremental and bold. She favors boldness. She offered three examples. Drug prohibition should be repealed, not just changed to mandatory treatment. Disarmament laws should be repealed, not just curbed.

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## Libertarians Take Road Trip for Freedom

### Fruit Pickers Protested INS Policies Back in the Summer of '99

by Richard Lamping

It was a cool summer morning in August, 1999. I had worked 18 hours at my job, commuted an hour home, and then heard the knocking on the door of my ride to the second annual Colorado Libertarian Party (LP) INS protest in Palisade, Colorado.

I had known he was coming, but having been up all night already, I tried to close my eyes. Aspen area photojournalist Dave Shinn was smiling as he knocked on our glass door.

We drove about 20 miles, from Redstone to the diner on the highway in Carbondale, and were the first people in the door at 5:55 am. We got a nice booth and ate a large breakfast. It would be a long day.

Dave and I finished our breakfast as two vans pulled up, one with Barry Maggert, whose congressional campaign I managed the year prior, and the other with BetteRose Smith, Colorado LP Chair. Dave and I would follow the caravan west to Battlement Mesa, where we would leave BetteRose's van. I jumped in with Barry and BetteRose to prepare for television interviews.

I was excited. Advance work is so precious and rare, and almost guarantees someone will take your message and event more seriously. I figured this would be the perfect kickoff, and we might even get on the evening news before the event.

Dave followed Barry's Aerostar along the open highway, 75 miles per hour. I climbed in the far back seat, imagining that I might rest a few minutes before we got to the first television station. We were ahead of schedule, but the journalists were expecting us.

"What am I supposed to say?" asked BetteRose.

I hadn't prepared a fact sheet on the local immigration statistics, as I had said I would do. I found myself saying, "Just say the Libertarian position on immigration." That fell flat.

Then Barry chimed in, "He used to do this on my campaign, too." He chuckled, but I could tell BetteRose was pissed.

Then, all of a sudden, snap. Something in the front end of the Aerostar had come loose, and it seemed as if the front wheels were travelling in two different directions. Barry slowed down, and finally brought us to a crunching, grinding stop.

We got out, happy to be on our feet. Traffic was whizzing by, and finally Dave's little pickup caught up to us. With the Aerostar dead on the highway in a canyon outside of Grand Junction, we first needed to get somewhere the cell phone would work to call a tow truck.

The little truck sat three across, which had to be Dave, the driver; BetteRose, who was in a new tan and black skirt and blouse; and Barry, whose famous brother had sent him a thousand dollar pinstripe. Barry and BetteRose were both going to be on television.

I took off my blazer and climbed in the back of the pickup.

The truck's shell had glass doors on all three sides. Half the bed was taken up with camping and photography equipment. I asked Dave to come along as a journalist, and as a friend, and besides, I was very tired, and I



*Barry Maggert, BetteRose Smith, and Dave Shinn drive to Palisade for the fruit picking event to protest INS policies.*

We were going to Grand Junction to do advance work, and get some television stations interested in covering the Colorado LP's fruit picking 'protest'. The event would be the next day, but if we could get some early coverage it might boost interest, and inspire a few bored journalists to come out on a Saturday and watch some Libertarians pick fruit. I had spoken to the journalists of all three major television stations, as well as the local newspaper. The week before, Barry had faxed the press release I wrote.



knew his positive outlook would come in handy toward the end of the journey.

I had to lay flat on a platform that was slightly higher than the bed walls of the pickup. The heat was beginning to bear down, and I could feel that it would be a hot and uncomfortable time.

I was grateful to have a chance to close my eyes, sweaty or not. I decided to get some rest. We pulled into a fruit stand at the edge of Grand Junction. I elected myself to stay and wait for the tow truck, and Dave to chauffeur Barry and BetteRose to the television stations. I really didn't want to hear more concern about how unprepared Barry and BetteRose felt, and they were probably happy not to have to listen to my responses.

In their absence, I felt excited again, sensing things would go fine. They were prepared for the interviews, and extensive quotes from both of them were part of the Saturday evening news broadcast for all three networks in the area.

As I stood on the dusty roadside waiting for the tow truck, I was aware BetteRose and Barry were being interviewed in that moment. They were the experts, the spokespeople. I was confident they had considered their words, and were ready to move their message. Their work would be evidenced by the interest of the stations in covering the fruit picking at Harry Talbott's farm the next day.

The tow truck driver told me all about how God had brought him to the area, how he had owned the company he was now working for, but came back after selling it. It sounded like quite the adventure, and however he came to be there I was happy for the ride.

As they picked me up at the auto shop little was said. I asked how it went. Each of them said it went "pretty well" and "okay." They weren't really interested in talking about it, and we were all tired. It was time to get back to Battlement Mesa, about half an hour away. I slid back into the sweat box and fell asleep to the loud engine sounds and the highway below. At least this part was over, and now all we had to do was pick some fruit.

Dave dropped Barry and BetteRose with the van we left behind, and the two of us drove into the foothills to talk about the day. We hadn't been able to really check notes and communicate some of the things that had happened during the day. We sat on the hillside and laughed.

Barry and BetteRose had made it to the interviews. Dave thought they had done a very professional job of it, and I believed him. They all seemed comfortable with what had been done.

I checked into the suite at Battlement Mesa. My eyes closing, I went to sleep.

## Saturday

Battlement Mesa is about half an hour from the orchards of Harry Talbott, one of the largest fruit growers in Colorado, and a Libertarian sympathizer from the Republican ranching world. At his farm he calls himself Vice-President of Government Interference Prevention. He hires as many as 120

migrant workers during the fruit picking season. About 7 am, when we got to the fruit packing facility, a few Libertarians from Denver had already begun to congregate in the parking lot.

I had gotten good sleep, and felt like the event was on its own. There was nothing I could do now but let the day happen.

As I strolled up toward the crowd, BetteRose said, "Well, Richard, you're in charge. What do we do?"

"I'm not in charge," I said. But obviously the Talbotts had not discovered our presence there, although they were aware we were coming. Bette Rose looked at me as though everything might be falling apart, and the event might be a bust.

"Okay, I'm in charge. Shut up and go stand over there," I said, with as straight a face as I could muster. It was the least Libertarian thing I could think of at the time, and everyone stood looking at me like I'd popped a balloon. We all laughed.

Harry Talbott's son Bruce came around on a tractor and we all climbed into the fruit bins for a ride to the orchard chosen for us, a large field of gala apples. I handed out T-shirts and started to pick, deciding it didn't matter if the media showed up or not. We had made our protest, and gotten some attention.

From 7:30 a.m. until almost 11 a.m., 18 Libertarians picked apples. The event was scheduled to end at noon, a decision based on the previous year's experience. But



*"Now all we had to do was pick some fruit."*



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as the noon hour approached, I wondered if our efforts would fail to get the cameras out.

I had almost decided to go home early when I saw the NBC affiliate car. A little Ford sedan held a young journalist straight out of broadcasting school. I remember his piece because, although it was good, he referred to Mexican nationals as "nationalists" several times. As it goes, these kinds of errors are rarely worth mentioning, and most people didn't notice anyway, but I couldn't help but wince.

I was happy that at least one station had decided to cover the event, and breathed a sigh of relief as the young man drove off. He had gotten some good

all kept picking, and picked up the pace. It was invigorating that all three networks would come to the orchard to film us. It was even more exciting that each channel ran the story at the top of the 5 p.m. news, and two ran it on top at 10 p.m. It was a grand slam in my book. A couple of the stories included interview footage from the advance work of the day before. It all came together as if we had planned it that way.

## An Opportunity for the Future

Denver Libertarian Tom Goonan conceived the fruit picking protest in 1998. I was working with Barry Maggert as he ran for United States Congress against Scott McInnis. While immigration detentions have dropped 22 percent nationwide in the past year, detentions on the Western Slope of Colorado have risen over 500 percent.

That first year we had almost thirty Libertarians, we picked till it hurt, and two television stations came to cover it. Barry and I had gone alone to do the advance work, and it had proven to be a good learning opportunity. I especially remember the news director at one of the networks. She took an interest in Barry's presentation, taking a few minutes to show him how to put his heels together to keep from rocking.

The last three years the event has generated at least eight separate visits to the orchard by journalists with cameras, as well as numerous opportunities for candidates and the party to go to the media sources directly, get hands-on experience, and deliver a political message.

The ease and receptiveness of Grand Junction television media to the Libertarian message and candidates undoubtedly led Harry Browne to make a special stop in Grand Junction when his campaign for President swung through Colorado last fall. I would expect this trend to continue as Sheriff Bill Masters of Telluride ([www.LibertyBill.net](http://www.LibertyBill.net)), just south of Grand Junction, takes on a more vocal political tone in the next few years.

This year the fruit picking event will take place on the same weekend as the Palisade Peach Festival. It will be the fourth consecutive year protesting US immigration policy, and working alongside migrant workers. The investment BetteRose and the Libertarian Party have made in promoting and supporting this event have created a crack in the media wall that usually keeps our message from being heard. We get to educate young journalists. We get to practice being in front of the camera. We get to think about immigration policy for a day, and consider the ways foreign people, and we ourselves, must live in order to be more free and grow our dreams.



footage of all the Libertarians picking fruit, as well as some good commentary from BetteRose and others.

It was a pleasant finale, and I was sure we were done, when the CBS affiliate pulled up. Another young journalist, this time a woman. She also was new to her job, had been sent on assignment, and had never been exposed to Libertarians before. Somewhere there is a copy of the final edition of her story, top of the news hour. The anchorman spoke in a very serious tone, and the image of him reading, and the icon next to his head, will always be with me.

Someone in the newsroom had chosen a picture of a man with a sub-machine gun, black mask and jacket, and below had put the tag INS. It was a frightening image, and definitely affected the tone of the story as it ran. Her story was the cleanest piece of journalism I saw from the event.

As she wrapped up her interviews and filming, the ABC affiliate showed up. It was just past noon, but we

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# Time to Renew a 'Wise and Frugal Government'

by Sheriff Bill Masters

*Below is the continuation of Sheriff Masters' speech to the Pro Second Amendment Committee in Grand Junction, March 10, 2001. Masters is the highest ranking Libertarian official in Colorado and the nation's first Libertarian sheriff. His web page is at [libertybill.net](http://libertybill.net).*

A Supreme Court justice once defined the Second Amendment as "the palladium of liberty."

That word he used, palladium, refers to the statue Pallas Athena, whose preservation was believed to ensure the safety of the ancient Greek city of Troy. To the people of Troy, the statue was a shield, a safeguard against their enemies, and as long as she stood guard no harm could come to them.

My question to you is: Have you taken up your duty, not just to guard the Second Amendment, but are you truly the shield, the protector, of the beautiful but fragile lady we call liberty?

Do you stand beside those who are harassed and arrested because of the color of their skin? Do you sit back while your neighbors are dragged off in the middle of the night for what they choose to put into their bodies? Do you honorably and respectfully uphold the rights of others to speak their truth no matter how opposed it is to yours? And do you oppose excessive taxes even if the proceeds would line your pockets?

Liberty is a harsh mistress. You cannot pick and choose what you like and dislike about her. Liberty will not change her principles for you, no matter how much you claim to love her. She will stand fast in her demands for total acceptance. If you can't receive her, she will recognize you as a false lover and leave you. And when you hear that door slam, it will take every tear in your eye, every ounce of blood in your veins, and all the nerve in your heart to win her back.

Now, being a Libertarian, I have a problem with the drug war. Personally, I just don't care what people put into their bodies. I care about their actions. If they hurt or endanger someone, if they violate someone's property, they should be held accountable to the law. The law's reaction should be swift, severe and certain.

Instead of enforcing the laws that protect lives and property, last year we arrested 700,000 people for possession of marijuana. In the history of mankind it has never been documented that marijuana has ever caused the accidental, negligent or deliberate death of anyone. A government that can put over half a million of its citizens in jail every year for possessing a little relatively harmless plant can do anything it wants.

And I don't care who the president is, Republican or Democrat, the peaceful, law-abiding, American gun owner is next.

If you like the effectiveness of the war on drugs, 700,000 people arrested, 30 billion dollars a year, more police cars, more courts, more jail cells and drugs on every street, government school and even in the prisons, you are going to just love the war on firearms.

A few years back we were remodeling the old jail in Telluride. When the jail was constructed, in the late 1800s, the builders first made the iron cellblock, which included solid metal walls with bar cell doors. They then covered the exterior of the cells with a wall of thick stone. Consequently, there was a space



Sheriff Bill Masters greets Mesa County Sheriff Riecke Clausson at the Pro Second Amendment Committee Banquet.

between the iron cell walls and the stone walls of about six inches. Over the years, items which disappeared into this space had proven to be irretrievable. While our construction workers were removing the old cellblock they would at times come across a variety of items from the old days that had fallen into this narrow space. It was a bit like a time capsule that revealed old newspapers, whiskey bottles, clothing, and pieces of china.

One day, one of the workers came up to me and handed me a book he found in the space. It was the Colorado Statutes of 1908. All the laws of the state fit in one volume. Today, Colorado has over thirty thousand laws filling 12 volumes, and of course predictably, lawlessness is commonplace.

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There are 600 traffic laws alone. Think about that when you drive home tonight. And even with all these laws some people still drive like fools. Our tax code is 500 times the size of the Constitution. It is so convoluted no one—not the courts, juries, or IRS agents—no one can tell you without some doubt what it all means. One agent told me that in some jurisdictions up to 50 percent of the people are just not filing any tax returns. They are living completely outside the system. Now, the biggest tax cheat of the century gets a pardon. Does all this make you feel like a chump when you write those checks to the government?

It appears to me the more broken the system, the more laws are passed to try and correct its deficiencies; in fact, the problem is the number of laws itself.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation announced last year the Colorado Instant Check System stopped over 90 convicted murderers from purchasing firearms from licensed dealers in Colorado.

As a peace officer, I think it is good these murderers are denied the right to purchase firearms. But in our efforts to correct one problem, murderers having firearms, we fail to recognize and address a much more fundamental problem. That being, of course, why in the hell are there 90 convicted murderers out walking around on the streets of Colorado?

This extreme number of laws has blurred the criminal justice system's response in upholding them. Trying to identify the laws that are important becomes a nightmare for all involved in the system. Officers are required to carry around volumes of peace officer's manuals, law books, code books, and policy and procedures manuals—all in an effort to perform a job that used to be done with a little bit of common sense.

The Bible tells us Moses walked up Mount Sinai and came down with 10 laws to live by, most of them about one sentence long. Moses' four words, or God's, depending on your level of faith, "Thou shall not

steal," is now Colorado Revised Statutes 18-4-401 through 18-4-416. It is over 24,000 words long, and if you really don't want to be a victim of theft you still need a car alarm, house alarm, 25 keys and a digital credit card.

Governor Johnson of New Mexico has a story he tells about an ancient city-state in Greece. This city-state practiced true democracy and allowed any citizen to propose a law to the council of all citizens who met on occasion in a large coliseum. The one restriction on proposed laws was that the citizen proposing a new law had to stand on a scaffold with a noose about his neck while the law was being debated and voted on. If the citizens voted the proposed new law down as being unnecessary, the citizen proposing the law was immediately hung.

Moses and the ancient Greeks were onto something we have forgotten. Pass only the laws that are really necessary. Keep them few in number, and make them easy enough for a child to read and understand. If we took this simple advice to heart, we would find new respect for, and honor in, our government and its institutions.

"The constitutions of most of our states assert that all power is inherent in the people. That it is their right and duty to be at all times, armed." (Thomas Jefferson)

I have a book in my office that was given to me by a friend in Telluride who collects old books. The book was written by Sheriff Doc Shores of Gunnison County, and is called *Memoirs of a Lawman*. Doc was the sheriff in Gunnison from 1890 to 1900. His book is the fascinating story of his life as a sheriff in that era, here on the Western Slope of Colorado.

Doc tells a story about how he became sheriff. One day, when he was on Main Street in Gunnison, he heard a number of gunshots. He turned and saw a couple of young punks riding down the street on horseback shooting wildly. A shopkeeper stepped out of his store to see what the commotion was about and

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# The One-Word Solution to Growing the LP

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by Norm Olsen

Fielding phone calls concerning geographic coordinate data are quite routine for me in my business. Bill, who called yesterday, was a political operative working on a major campaign in the east. I mentioned my position as the Campaign Director of the

Libertarian Party of Colorado, and a very interesting conversation followed.

A portion of that conversation deserves some attention in this publication. I related to Bill the Catch 22

situation of politics: "You need to raise tons of money to get elected, and you can't raise tons of money unless you get elected." Bill suggested that there is a simple, one word solution to that problem. Do you believe it? A one word solution? Take a minute and think; what could that one word be?

Serve.

That's right. Serve on the East Julesburg Fire Protection District board. Serve on the Alma Zoning board. Serve on the North Denver Fire Protection District board. Serve on the Northglenn City Council. Serve on the Adams County Library Advisory Board.

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was shot dead by the punks as they rode by.

Doc, always taking Jefferson to heart even though he was just a citizen, immediately grabbed his rifle, got on his horse and gave chase. In the ensuing gun battle Doc was able to capture the outlaws, and the people of Gunnison recognized him as a hero and elected him sheriff.

If you did the same thing today you would be labeled a nut case, if not arrested.

In another account, Doc recalls investigating a train robbery near Salida. Doc and that famous lawman, and sometimes outlaw, Tom Horn are given the job of capturing the train robbers. They arrive at the scene of the crime about three days after the event to find the tracks of the two horsemen they believe to be the outlaws. They take off at once to follow the tracks.

It is a slow process through the mountains, following tracks one at a time. After a few days they come across some people on the trail who tell them they had seen the robbers heading south about a week earlier. Knowing they are on the right trail, the two lawmen speed up a bit in an attempt to overtake the outlaws, who are a full seven days ahead of them. As they continue their ride following the tracks they sleep at night outside in the mountains with nothing more than a blanket to cover themselves. They dig in the soil around abandoned homesteads looking for spuds to eat. They ride 14 hours or more a day in the saddle.

They follow the tracks for 43 days, through southern Colorado, into New Mexico and then Texas where they finally overtake the two outlaws. Without backup, bulletproof vests, automatic rifles or fire trucks to hide

behind, like they bravely did at Columbine, Doc and Tom Horn apprehend the two armed and desperate outlaws and then turn around and bring them back to justice in Colorado.

I tell you those two stories about Doc because it demonstrates to me what a true citizen of a republic should be. One cannot tell the difference in the actions between Doc the citizen, who is always prepared to defend his community, rising to the challenge and fearlessly chasing the murdering punks, or Doc the sheriff, who bravely never gives up on the trail of the outlaws. Both citizen and sheriff, Doc knows his duty.

We are truly living in a peaceful time. A look at the old law books shows murder after murder in all our western communities with a fraction of the population we have today. I am not urging you to go about armed and looking for trouble. Many days I go to work as sheriff without a firearm. But I do want you all to be prepared to stand up, even if in voice only, to enforce the principles of liberty and responsibility. One does not exist without the other. Let us regain our lost responsibilities of educating our children, providing for our families, and defending ourselves.

Finally, let me leave you with the words of Thomas Jefferson, the symbol of American liberty to the world:

"A wise and frugal Government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government."

And Zeke, my young friend, let your grandfather's gift be the constant companion of your walks.

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the platform of the LP. Vance also attended the convention.

A possible third contender is John Cochran, chair of the economics department at Metropolitan State College. Cochran holds an interest in the Austrian tradition of economics, advanced by such scholars as Carl Menger and Ludwig von Mises.

Cochran said in some classes he uses part of George Reisman's book *Capitalism* as well as P.J. O'Rourke's humorous *Eat the Rich*, which discusses why some countries are wealthier than others. Dr. Cochran said "there's a chance" he will run for governor in 2002 or for some other office in 2004.

At the convention, Glass described his path to libertarianism. In junior high in New York, a "music teacher took me under his wing." The teacher had visited communist Europe and had come back with changed views about socialism. He was rumored to have voted for Barry Goldwater in 1964. A fan of Ayn Rand, the teacher attended Nathaniel Branden's lectures. Glass said he and his teacher "would talk about everything under the sun" during class.

During the 1970s, Glass met libertarians like Walter Block. Glass described that era as "wonderful days of intelligent, enlightening discussion" that would last until sunrise. Later, Glass met science fiction author L. Neil Smith, a libertarian writer who lives in Fort Collins.

Glass said the Libertarian Party of Colorado has "an opportunity to make the world stop and take notice." He said the LP can "send Bill packing back to Texas once and for all" and "send a lightning jolt right into the heart of the Republican Party" because of Owens' betrayal of gun owners.

Glass has addressed other Libertarian audiences. On June 5 Glass spoke at Denver Metro Libertarian Party headquarters. Jon Ford writes about the event in the June *Liberty News* of the Boulder LP: "[L]ocal civil rights activist Bob Glass made an impassioned plea for LP backing in his bid to unseat Governor Bill Owens... The rally was attended by approximately 40 people, including a half dozen from the [Boulder affiliate]." Ford reports that Glass wants to make "the Libertarian Party and philosophy... forces to be reckoned with."

On June 14, Glass spoke at the Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition. Before the event, Glass was accosted by a man on the sidewalk handing out anti-Semitic literature denying the Nazi Holocaust. Glass is a Jew who lost family members to the Holocaust. Because he has recently made national news for his leadership role with the Tyranny Response Team, Glass has become a

public figure. The lone man apparently showed up at the meeting specifically to protest Glass based on his ethnicity. Glass vehemently denounced the racist literature and wove several Jewish themes into his speech in response, earning enthusiastic applause from the audience.

Glass told the Colorado Springs group, "Bill Owens is more concerned with the acquisition and maintenance of power than with the principles of defending liberty." He added, "Our rights are no longer negotiable."

Glass denounced disarmament laws as subjective and arbitrary. He said Amendment 22—which Owens was first to sign—treats a peaceable person as a "criminal because he doesn't get permission from Big Brother" to trade property.

Glass criticized Project Exile because it "does not differentiate between violent criminals and the single mother who carries a .38 in her purse for personal protection." Instead, anyone caught with an arbitrarily defined "illegal gun" will be "exiled" to prison.

Glass added, "The rule book [for federally licensed gun dealers] is like a New York City phone book. Not even BATF agents know all the rules." Yet people are being sent to federal prison because "they didn't fill out the right paperwork."

Glass said gun owners should not be fooled into voting for the "lesser of two evils." He said, "We are no longer going to vote for evil period. We're going to vote for liberty and the Constitution."

Glass celebrated the freedoms we still retain in America. "There's still enough freedom that I can stand here and talk to you," he reminded the audience. Unfortunately, Glass added, many of our liberties have been slipping away. "For too long, being in the business of destroying liberty has been respectable." He urged the crowd to change that trend by joining him in activism.

Glass recently made numerous media appearances. On June 11, he appeared on Bill Maher's national ABC television show "Politically Incorrect." He joined Chuck Baker's radio program June 13 on KKCS 1460AM and Joseph Michelli's show June 18 on KVOR 740AM, both in Colorado Springs. From the northern part of the state, Mark Call invited Glass to be a guest on 1360AM. On June 7, Glass published a Speakout column in the *Rocky Mountain News* defending his activist group.

Glass hosts his own radio show Saturdays on 1060AM. He also publishes a magazine, *The Partisan View*, and he is president of the Tyranny Response Team, a group now active in nearly 20 states.

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## Vance Crafts a Message of Reform

James Vance, who scheduled a speech with the Denver Libertarian group on July 10, cites the internet as one of his major issues. "The concept of monitoring programs scares the hell out of me," he said. On his web page, Vance adds that the internet "MUST be preserved as a censorship free refuge."

Another issue is taxation. Vance wants to "obliterate the state income tax; eliminate it from existence." He said that goal could be accomplished through spending cuts and outsourcing government projects, though with a "possible slight increase in the sales tax." He said there are a "lot of areas that can be eliminated" from government, and he is looking to Oregon as an example of a state without an income tax.

Vance also seeks to support "firearms owners' rights." Vance worked with his father, a licensed gun dealer, though James no longer owns a gun. He wants to "eliminate redundant or Constitutionally illegal laws." He offered Amendment 22 as an example of a law that may not pass Constitutional muster.

Vance wants to implement a statewide system for concealed carry of firearms. Any person without a felony could "qualify at a firearms range." The process would be similar to the current hunter's safety program. The concealed carry provision could potentially be incorporated into the driver's license, he said.

Vance said two other issues are also important even though they may not be as central to his campaign. "The freedom of speech and expression issue is big on my personal agenda," he said.

In terms of campaign finance reform, he wants to eliminate all federal tax funding of campaigns and advocate "ballot access for every party" and for independents. Some Libertarian issues, like national defense, aren't as relevant to state politics, he said.

Vance shares with Glass harsh words about Owens. He writes on his web page, "I believe that Governor Owens has openly betrayed the citizens of Colorado since April 1999 when he went from a Governor supporting firearms rights, or at least claiming he supported them, to one who has bent to every knee-jerk gun law that has come down the pipe in reaction to the Columbine tragedy."

However, Vance envisions a more activist role for the state than Glass does. For instance, he supports the restrictions found in the National Firearms Act. Vance writes,

"I believe that while many laws are unnecessary or restrictive, there are some that are a good idea in the modern society we live in. However, I do believe there should be no further laws added to the books that would in any way restrict or prohibit gun ownership.... I do make a specific distinction between a firearm and Class 3 weaponry in my stance on firearms rights. Why? Well despite what hard core Libertarians believe I MUST make a distinction between 'the right to keep and bear arms' and the right to keep and bear weapons of mass destruction. Now true, these might not fall under that precise category as the government like[s] to define them since 'weapons of mass destruction' are usually SCUD missiles, nuclear devices, and that sort of thing, but the day a rational citizen can successfully make a legitimate, non paranoid argument, and then defend that argument against me as to why a person needs hand grenades, pastique, or a fully automatic AK-47 to 'defend house, home, and family,' is the day I'll change that stance."

However, most libertarians and gun owners would classify automatic guns as small arms, not "weapons of mass destruction." Automatics have always been legal in the United States, even though starting in 1934 the federal government required a tax to be paid for a license. Keeping an unlicensed automatic is illegal according to federal statutes.

Vance also sees a proactive role for state government in terms of advancing Colorado's economy. He writes, "[W]e are no longer an isolated world, but a global network. Being prepared for this new world means altering the way we do business... [and] the way we govern ourselves as a community in the global arena." He seeks to "[u]tilize the Colorado State Lottery funds to not only beautify [and] protect Colorado, but market it!"

Vance is eager to set up a debate with Glass. He reports the Boulder Libertarians have been working to organize such a debate.

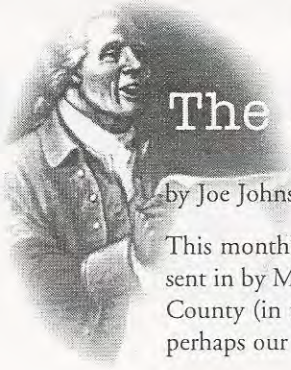
Vance works for IBM as a project manager in the web hosting division. He earned his masters in political science and his bachelors in history at the University of Colorado, Denver. His web page is at [www.jamesvance.com](http://www.jamesvance.com).

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## The Activist's Corner

by Joe Johnson

This month's addition to "The Activist's Corner" was sent in by Michael McKinzie. Michael is from Morgan County (in the northeast corner of the state), which is perhaps our fastest growing county affiliate.

To bring my fellow freedom lovers up to speed, Michael and his better half Debbie Burch met with Elizabeth Bennett and me about a month ago in Denver to discuss a time-proven tactic for registering new libertarians and signing new members.

At this meeting, Michael purchased a copy of the Nolan quiz poster along with copies of the "world's smallest political quiz." After discussing how best to administer the quiz, Michael assured me that he intended not only to begin running outreach booths in Morgan County, but to make "the Morgan County affiliate the fastest growing county affiliate in the state if not the country." To this I smiled, and wished him good luck.



"Michael intended to make his group the fastest growing county affiliate in the state if not the country."

Just the other day, I received this note from Michael, and I want to share it with you.

*Do you remember the poster and quizzes and clipboards that you gave me for our outreach booth? I mounted the poster on a large wooden free-standing back board. Just today we had a meeting at my home to familiarize everyone [who is active within the Morgan County LP] with how it works.*

*"I was just starting to explain the process when my buddy Jeff [who is not a member of the LP] walked in. So I used him as an example. He took the test, put his sticker on the board, scratched his head, said, 'hub!'", and started asking more questions. When I got to the part about registering*

*voters, Jeff actually registered to vote as a Libertarian. When I got to the part about joining the party, Jeff signed the pledge, forked over \$25, and became our newest member in Liberty80701. I mean, here we are, setting things up! We're not even trying yet! And we already got one. So, thank you! The system works!*

This experience is just proof that selling liberty is not hard. In fact, it's not only easy, it's down right fun! The biggest obstacle to becoming THE political force here in Colorado is the fact that, due to being ignored in the press, we must earn each and every new voter.

Our R and D friends get tons of free advertising in the media, but most Colorado voters don't even realize that there is a party that wants to give them the freedoms that all Americans were born with 100 years ago. So get out there and introduce voters to the Libertarian Party. I'm sure that, like Michael, you'll find that when many of these voters discover the Libertarian alternative, getting them to join us is the easy part. I hope that Michael's story inspires you to get out and grow the party, and help achieve "liberty in our lifetime!"

Michael has been a member of the LP since 1983, and of LPCO since the early '90s. The Morgan County affiliate was officially formed June 20, 2001. Michael is currently the acting Chairman. If you live in or near Morgan County, and would like more information, contact the group at [www.geocities.com/liberty80701](http://www.geocities.com/liberty80701) or 970.542.9115.

If you would like a copy of the 'Nolan quiz poster,' so that you can begin outreach projects in your area, I have copies that I will sell to you at my cost. Materials are also sold through [www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org). If you have a story that you would like to share, please send it in—we'd love to share it with the membership. My e-mail address is [Joejohn@us.ibm.com](mailto:Joejohn@us.ibm.com).

Liberty in my lifetime!  
Joe Johnson

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The FDA should be eliminated, not just streamlined.

"I believe gradualism doesn't work," Howell said. "It implies big government is not as harmful as we know it is. Gradualism implies that liberty can wait. Gradualism is dull, not inspiring. How excited can voters get about small changes that barely affect their lives?"

"Boldness has genius and power and magic," she said.

Boldness it dramatic, "it pulses with passion." She said that during her Senate race against "Big Government" Ted Kennedy, "boldness helped me with some, and it didn't hurt me with others. Boldness served me well." Howell captured a record high 308,000 votes for her Libertarian Senate race. She quoted Virgil: "Fortune favors the bold."

Howell said the Libertarian's pledge if elected should be, "I vote small government on every issue, every time, no exceptions, no excuses."



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On day 31, all citizens who wish to vote, do so over the Internet using their names, addresses and phone numbers for verification of their votes. Each citizen is allowed one vote. A majority vote would pass the law on to the National Citizens' Constitution Court.

The National Citizens' Constitution Court would post, debate and review the law in question on its own national internet site for a period of 30 days. This public posting, debate and review will allow every citizen of this country full knowledge of the discussions of the

issues which affect our lives. On day 31, the court members will vote and a simple majority will prevail upon the issue. Any law struck down by the court will be repealed immediately.

How are the court members of the National Citizens' Constitution Court appointed? Each state will hold an election every two years for ten highly respected citizens from that state to sit on this court.

This position is unpaid and each Justice can only serve for one term. Each Justice cannot hold any other public office during his or her tenure in the National Citizens' Constitution Court.

Upon election, each Justice must agree to uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights as a personal service to the country. Each Justice will serve on this court from his or her private home. The ten individuals from each of the 50 American states will comprise the 500 members of the National Citizens' Constitution Court.

Our Constitution and Bill of Rights will constantly be guaranteed with such a daily review of laws by our citizens and will protect us from any law of tyranny and oppression.

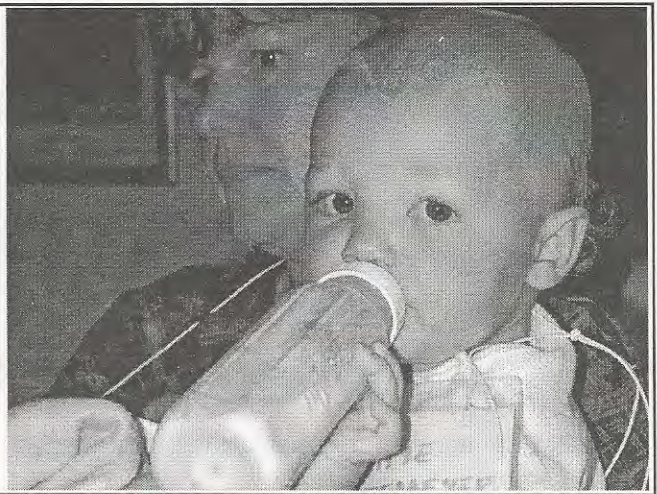
This amendment to our Constitution will help preserve the rights of all individuals in this country.



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## Libertarians Hold State Convention

Colorado's youngest Libertarian, Hattie Geltemeyer, grabs a snack between lectures. Her mother Carol lends support in the background.



L-r: Rob Hernon, Sandra Johnson, Judd Ptak, and Bob Johnson chat before the banquet May 19. New Legislative Director Matt Hine appears in the background. Sandra was the 2000 Libertarian candidate for governor. Bob ran for state representative and has announced he will run again in 2002. Ptak is a long-time party activist, for whom the annual "Ptak Award" is named. This year, Joe Johnson earned that award.

The new state board takes the reigns. L-r: (back) Chair John Berntson, Information Director David Bryant, Campaigns Director Norm Olsen, Public Information Director Kent McNaughton, Legislative Director Matt Hine, (front) Fundraising Director Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer, Treasurer Maralyn Mencarini, and Outreach Director Brian Rachocki. Not shown is Publications Director Richard Combs.





National Chair  
Dr. James  
Lark (left) joins  
the Colorado  
convention.  
Norm Olsen  
(center)  
continues his  
role as  
Campaigns  
Director for  
the state  
party.



Colorado Libertarian activists earn the  
Minuteman Award. L-r: Steve Gresh,  
BetteRose Smith, Steve D'Ippolito, David  
Aitken, David Bryant, Elizabeth Bennett, Tom  
Parker (front), John Duncan, Joe Johnson,  
Carol Geltemeyer, and Chuck Wright. Johnson  
also earned the annual Ptak Award, and Smith  
earned the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Because of the tendency to pass more and more laws, police agents gain additional powers. "The government doesn't need any more power from us," he said. Unfortunately, we've reached the point where people regularly fall under suspicion. Rivers noted the recent Supreme Court case which decided moving away from a police officer counts as probable cause of wrongdoing. He said most of us have done something which would have sent us to prison had we been caught.

"We have to respect how much power we're giving to police officers," Rivers said, adding that sometimes the police get a little power hungry. Because so many Americans go to prison, "we live in a police state," Rivers said. In many cases an empty prison bed is seen as a lost opportunity to those who profit from the prison industry.

## People in Chains

Christie Donner of the Prison Moratorium Coalition is also concerned about the prison-industrial complex. She noted the rapidly expanding prison population starting in the mid-1980s, due largely to accelerated

enforcement of the drug war. "Drug offenses are the number one crimes for which people are incarcerated," she said, even though the average drug sentence is shorter than that for violent crimes. Indeed, prison expansion is the "fastest growing portion of the state budget," Donner noted. Sometimes entire communities

become economically linked to prisons. "People are making money off of people in chains," she said.

Ironically, even though Donner would not often be considered in the same boat as conservatives, she had to "thank goodness" for TABOR restrictions which have prevented prisons from expanded even faster.

Drug prohibition has resulted in numerous other problems, including the "militarization and federalization" of our police forces. The central government is "taking control over states' rights like in no other area," Donner added. Asset forfeiture laws are "inherently corrupt" because they allow police to take property with no jury process or criminal conviction.

The city of Boulder recently purchased a tank it's calling the "peacemaker" for use in drug interdiction.

"The weirdest thing about the drug war is nobody supports it," Donner said, "but publicly nobody wants to say it." Thankfully Donner is saying it, and so are Libertarians.

## Racial Profiling

Bill Vandenberg of the Colorado Progressive Coalition disagrees with numerous libertarian positions, though he shares with libertarians the desire to cut out police abuses. Vandenberg said the convention was the first Libertarian event he ever attended. He praised the party for out-reaching to other groups and building coalitions.

During the legislative session, Vandenberg was instrumental in the passage of a bill to curb racial profiling by the police—the topic of his talk. (He also worked with Donner and other activists in an attempt to repeal mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.) He discussed a survey published by his organization in which numerous Denver residents tell of racial profiling. He said racial profiling is a big problem in the Cole community, where Ismael Mena was killed by Denver police in a mistaken no-knock raid.

Vandenberg tapped into a theme that ran through the convention when he said the drug war creates a "police-state environment" which is also "a large factor" in the racial profiling problem.

He told the story of Josh, a 16-year-old whose car was searched for no good reason as he and his friends were called "wetbacks" by the police. A serious problem, said Vandenberg, is that "most people don't know what their rights are." He added, "We need to do a better job educating the public. People are scared to death—and for good reason."

The bill to curb racial profiling requires Denver police and the State Patrol to collect data, and it requires all Colorado police to provide business cards whenever they don't issue a ticket. While the bill did not include everything Vandenberg wanted, it was better than Bill Owens' "toothless" executive order and the half-hearted efforts of the Denver Police Department, he said. His organization is also setting up a toll-free number where anyone can report incidents of racial profiling.



Riff Vandenberg  
Bill Vandenberg speaks  
against racial profiling.



Christie Donner shows the rapid expansion  
of Colorado's prison population.



# Speakers Bring Ideas to Convention

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**Shariar Ghalam** used to fly fighter planes for the Iranian airforce. Even though his country fell under oppressive rule, growing up "we had a ton of books," he said. "My father always planted a seed of doubt" when it comes to authority, he added. "That was a great blessing." At one point, Ghalam hid George Orwell's *1984* inside the cover of the Koran to avoid getting in trouble.

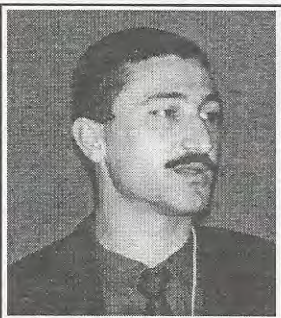
In the aftermath of the revolution in the late 70s, Ghalam's father was sentenced to death, as were others in the military, though he was never killed and eventually escaped to Paris.

Shariar also escaped to France with his brother, and two other brothers made it out later. "From the very beginning I knew I was coming to America," he said.

When Ghalam first read a copy of the U.S. Constitution, he thought it must be a joke. "There's no such thing as a country that would allow people to be that free," he thought.

One reason Ghalam came to the U.S. was the freedom to own firearms for self-defense.

Ghalam came to America with a love of freedom, yet he found reality did not always live up to the ideal. "Sometimes I felt like I went to the wrong America," he said. That's why he works to help restore our liberties: "I'm not one to give up." He celebrated the freedoms we retain; he said the Libertarian meeting would be illegal in other parts of the world.



*Shariar Ghalam tells of his escape to freedom.*

"I'm from Iran," Ghalam said, "but I'm an American" in terms of ideas. "I was not born into liberty, I had to fight for it." He strongly denounced racism as a form of collectivism, saying, "What you make yourself to be is what you should be judged for."

The drug war should be fought harder, Ghalam used to think. However, he said Bob Glass eventually convinced him that the right to bear arms is under attack largely because of drug prohibition. He realized that both victim disarmament and drug prohibition arise from the same statist premises.

Ghalam urged libertarians, "Don't apologize for who you are. Be bold about it. There's no other country to go to after America." He added, "The worth of this life

to me does not come from the fact that I'm breathing, but that I'm free."

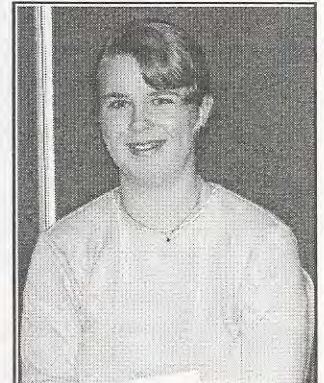
**BetteRose Smith** and **Joe Johnson** sat on the panel about intrusive laws with Ghalam. Johnson said, "There are so many laws on the books that the police just ignore the dumb ones—until they want to get you on something." Smith added, "In a lot of situations there is a catch-22; you can't help but break *some* law."

**Larry Welshon** and **Desiree Hickson** discussed alternatives to the government school system. Hickson homeschools her children, and Welshon helps run Alpine Valley School, which **Melissa** attends. Welshon said, "Initiative is welcome at our school. We have a real respect for private property and for the rule of law." Students help set policy there.

Melissa said she used to worry about bullies at her government school and she didn't have enough time to work on her own projects. "Who I am—that's something I never seemed to be able to figure out in public school." Since she left that "authority"-based system, she said she's become more creative and reached a "better understanding of self." Hickson said homeschooling also helps children focus on their interests and build respectful relationships with others.

**Linn Armstrong** urged Libertarians to "win the hearts and minds of people." For example, he is active with the Pro Second Amendment Committee in Grand Junction in offering introductory firearms training classes. Thousands have gone through the class over the years. "Some believe media is the enemy. I view media as a tool," Armstrong added. He noted that his instruction program has earned extensive press.

**Dr. Charles Barton**, a philosophy professor visiting CU, Boulder from Australia, spoke about restorative justice, a program which is in some respects an extension of the libertarian concept of



*Melissa attends Alpine Valley School.*



*Philosophy professor Charles Barton discusses restorative justice.*



## Stanley Set to Announce Senate Run

Rick Stanley has expressed interest in seeking the Libertarian Party's nomination for U.S. Senate. He would face incumbent Republican Wayne Allard and a Democratic challenger.

"Government has been run by the Republicans and Democrats for over a hundred years, and it hasn't mattered which administration has been in charge," Stanley said. "They've taken our rights away and taxed us to death. They've taken our country of independent citizens, and almost turned us into slave taxpayers."

Stanley said he believes our rights will continue to be diminished unless libertarians act now. "We can't just talk about it—we've got to *do* it," he said. "This can't remain a coffee-shop discussion group anymore."

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"I really believe a lot of people out there agree with me," Stanley added. Stanley recently took charge of the Denver Libertarian affiliate and he has personally registered nearly 300 new members with the party. "We need to push hard to register new Libertarians," he said.

Before joining the Libertarian Party about a year and a



*Pam and Rick Stanley join the state convention. Rick announced he may seek the Libertarian nomination for U.S. Senate next year.*

half ago, Stanley was active as a Republican. He was influenced by Charles Murray's book *What it Means to be a Libertarian*. Someone from the Southside Libertarian group called him "out of the blue" to attend a meeting, he said, which prompted him to join the LP.

Stanley has lived in the Denver area most of his life. He owns Stanley Fasteners & Shop Supply, which he runs with his wife Pam.

## Libertarian Appointed to Arizona Court

The Arizona LP—The Governor of Arizona, Jane Hull, has appointed John Buttrick to the Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa County. This is believed to be the first time any third party member has ever been appointed to a judgeship in Arizona. It may possibly be the first time a registered Libertarian has been appointed to any judgeship anywhere in the country.

Forty lawyers applied for this position. The other thirty-nine were Republicans and Democrats. Party affiliation was known throughout the entire selection process. It was also known that Buttrick had run for Governor in 1994 and State Representative in 1998 as a partisan Libertarian and had been a member of the Libertarian National Committee (1997-2000) as well as Chair of the Libertarian Party National Platform Committee in 1998 and 2000.

The initial screening of candidates was carried out by a Commission composed of five lawyers and ten lay citizens chaired by an Associate Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. The members were evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats with no third party representatives. After screening the initial applications, the Commission interviewed fifteen of the candidates and then sent seven names to the Governor: four Democrats, two Republicans and the single Libertarian. After further interviews and background checks, Hull selected Buttrick.

The Arizona Superior Court is the trial court of general jurisdiction for Arizona. It has subject matter jurisdiction over all civil matters where more than \$10,000 is in dispute as well as all felony criminal matters up to and including capital offenses.



# Smith Passes Torch to New Chair

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Dear Friends,

Most of you know that I have stepped down from the LPCO board. My years serving on the state board have been wonderful. I have seen more great changes and advances during those seven years than I can talk about here. I have also seen the addition of many new and wonderful people to our party. Of course I will miss being involved at this level, but I look forward to doing other things such as working on the race for Governor.

I want to thank those who nominated me for the Lifetime Achievement Award. It is such a great honor, one for which I know there are several deserving people. To be chosen from the likes of Judd Ptak, Chuck Wright, Kenton Riggs and others is truly an amazing thing. Thank you all!

While I was receiving this award and being rather tongue-tied (yes, for once, me without words!) I was given yet another surprise. Elizabeth Bennett presented me with a lovely star-shaped gold ring with a diamond in the middle. I want to thank everyone who contributed to making that happen but especially Elizabeth. She told a wonderful story about the ring; one I would like her to share with you, so ask her about it the next time you see her.

I never felt I thanked all of you enough for the support you have given to both me and the party. I could not have done half of what I did without all of you doing your share. Some of you have been very active, allowing me to be involved with several projects at once. Some of you formed affiliates, taking a huge burden off the state board. Many of you I have never met yet you have responded when I have sent pleas for funds for our many projects over the years.

There are several people who have on a few occasions sent only a dollar or two in the return envelope. Please know even that amount is a help. We all thank you for it. Many of you have done nothing more than register as a Libertarian but even that has been a help because it gives us credibility and the all-important Minor Party Status. Without the registration of thousands of you, we would not have achieved the things we have over the last five years. So it is no little thing when I say my achievements, whatever they may be within the party, have come because of all of you and my awards belong, in part, to each of us.

One last thing I need to tie up before I go. Not long ago I made a plea for people to support the state party. Someone called the office and said he would like to contribute. However, I didn't say where to mail the funds. The person didn't leave a name or phone number. Well, the office is moving. Watch for the

information to be coming your way soon. And, when you get the new address, if you want to contribute to the state party, send the funds there. You can also contribute by calling David Bryant at 303.744.6577. He will gladly take your credit card number or tell you where to mail the check.

Finally, I welcome John Berntson as the new chairman of the Colorado Libertarian Party. I worked with John this last year while he served on the Colorado board as our Public Information Director. He is extremely competent and very knowledgeable. Please give him all the support you have given me over the years. I'm sure with John as our leader, we will continue to make great things happen in the state of Colorado. In fact, I would like to welcome all of the new board members, those returning for another year and those who are new. Together we will make a difference!

I look forward to working with you on other projects over the coming years.

Thank You!

*BetteRose Smith*



*Michele Poague (left) presents her sister BetteRose Smith with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Libertarian Party of Colorado. The sisters organized the 2001 state convention, held in Denver. Smith served as State Chair of the party up until the convention.*

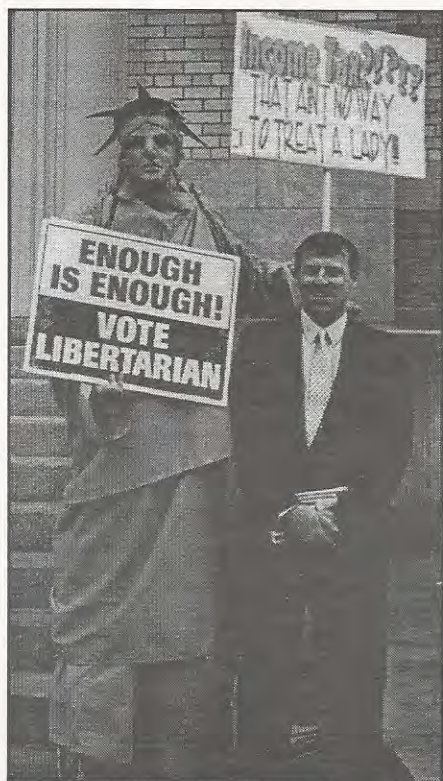


# 20 Libertarians Protest Income Tax

## Boulder—No Way to Treat a Lady!

by Elizabeth Bennett

Lady Liberty (portrayed by Joe Johnson on stilts) stood tall outside the Boulder post office April 16 holding a sign that read, "Income Tax? That ain't no way to treat a Lady!"



Miss Liberty held her post prompting the late filers to respond with cheers of "Right on!" and "You got that right!"

With the help of Chuck Wright, Greg Woods, Joe Van Landschoot, Dariush Rusta, Audrey and Ken Bray, Ralph Shnelvar, and myself, this year's Boulder Tax protest was the best ever.

It was a very cold day, so many of the Libertarians kept short shifts. While the guard changed often, there was a Libertarian presence in front of the Boulder Post office on Walnut constantly from 4:00 PM until 12:00 midnight.

Lady Liberty, Chuck Wright and myself stuck it out till the last return was mailed, just after midnight, and were able to have a talk with a few filers who missed the last cut-off.

Miss Liberty was the center of attention as four or five people stopped the traffic to take her photo. Almost all who stopped and took some information from us were happy we were there. Even those who did not completely agree with us said they could appreciate our efforts and our appearance, especially on such a cold day.

Joe and I had been working on this seven foot beauty for quite some time, but were able to put her together in time for Tax day.

Libertarians always ask how we can get more attention: here is one way. It was easy to get folks to stop and talk with us.

More than 200 pieces of Libertarian literature were distributed that night. People in Boulder will be talking about this lovely giant for some time. If you are interested in a Lady Liberty costume please contact Elizabeth or Joe at 303-604-9153.

## Colorado Springs— Libertarians Make Tax Day Impact

by Ross Glidewell

Following in the tradition of the Libertarian Party nationwide, the Libertarian Party of El Paso County (LPEP) handed out the mock "Million Dollar Bill." This outreach tool looks like an oversized million dollar bill and states the sobering fact that the US government spends one million dollars every five seconds—it also has party contact information on the back.

After being escorted off federal property, we took our protest out onto the sidewalk, handing out approximately 3,500 million-dollar bills. We brought a little smile and some humor to an otherwise really grim time for these taxpayers.

Kudos to the following people for braving the cold and making our Outreach effort a success: Randy Grant, Cindy Hayward, Ken Fitzpatrick and Scott Graves for handing out flyers; Carol Geltemeyer for making our "HONK if you HATE TAXES" sign; John Thomas for holding up the sign all night; and Steve D'Ippolito, for waving the American flag and showing there are Americans still out there fighting for less government.

Overall response was very positive. Especially strong supportive remarks came from recent immigrants to the U.S. who weren't happy about how much it cost to live in the land of the free.

Several people thanked us for braving the elements. One gentleman said, "Thank God there are still people in this country who know what's going on and are willing to do this."





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About a dozen people protested high taxes at the Denver main post office. I wore a burglar outfit with an IRS badge and a sign that read, "I'm from the IRS and I'm here to help you!" Some people gave me a blank stare, while others burst out in laughter. Other protesters held LP signs.

Some flyers I made up said, “Quick! Name your favorite government program! Having trouble?

A black and white photograph of a man dressed as a prisoner. He is wearing a black and white horizontally striped jumpsuit, a matching striped headband, and a black mask with white eye cutouts. He is smiling and waving his right hand. He holds a large, hand-drawn sign on a stick in his left hand. The sign reads: "I'm from the IRS, and he I'm here to help you! HA HA! 10/10". The background is a plain wall with a stanchion and a retractable belt visible on the right.

"Want to learn more? Visit [www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org), [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org), or call 1.800.ELECT.US."

*"The Libertarian Party wants the government to live within the limits set by the Constitution."*

Bill's one word answer to growing the party is to SERVE.

Generally, you are qualified if you are over 18 and have lived in the city (ward/district) for one year.

I urge all Libertarian activists to get out and SERVE. This is the best time to stop by the City Clerk's office and find out what's available. You might also ask the clerk if there are some appointed positions which are open, or which may become available in the near future. In any case, appointed positions are another opportunity to SERVE.

Norm Olsen, Campaign Director

P.S. I'm still looking for some volunteers who will take on the task of developing a database containing a list of all local districts and municipalities, when they hold their elections, and what offices are up for election. Please call me if you would like to help in this area.



## Rock DJ Earns Friend of Liberty Award

*"Stone brought public attention to a bill which would have allowed secret searches without a warrant and eroded the freedom of speech."*



Gregg Stone earned the Colorado Libertarian Party's "Friend of Liberty" award for the year 2000. Stone brought public attention to the so-called Methamphetamine Anti-Proliferation Act, which would have allowed secret searches without a warrant and eroded the freedom of speech.

Stone is a rock DJ on KBPI 106.7FM. His radio name is "Uncle Nasty," though Libertarians have taken to calling him "Uncle Liberty" because of his views. Acting State Chair BetteRose Smith presented Stone with the award on May 8 at the radio station. She read

the announcement on the air. Stone added, "I'd like to share this award with Joe Johnson," who forwarded information about the bill from the nation LP.

Partly because of Stone's efforts, congresspersons such as Diana DeGette were deluged with phone calls and other correspondence from constituents. Stone interviewed Libertarian Presidential Candidate Harry Browne about the issue on the air. (He blends short interview segments with rock songs.) Stone also invited local Libertarians on his show to discuss election events.

Stone has actively promoted other libertarian ideas. He has been an ardent critic of drug prohibition and a champion of medical marijuana. He has also criticized oppressive, complicated taxes. He has viewed victim disarmament laws with skepticism. He advocated the civil rights of homosexuals following the murder in Wyoming.

The Friend of Liberty award is given annually to a person outside the Libertarian Party who has taken a specific action to support freedom. Johnson said, "I can't think of anyone who deserves this award more than Gregg Stone. Because of his tireless efforts, we stopped a bill that would have had disastrous consequences for our rights. It's rewarding to flip on a popular rock radio station and hear the ideas of liberty."





## Time to change strategies

**R**oni Bowers and her baby Charity were killed not by drug dealing gangs or criminal thugs, but instead by government agents. They were "collateral damage" in the war on drugs.

In late April, a United States spotter aircraft, flying with a Peruvian air force officer on board, thought a civilian plane might have been transporting drugs. However, the only cargo was a human one of Baptist missionaries and their children, including 7-month-old Charity and her mother.

After spotting the civilian aircraft, the U.S. jet contacted the Peruvian air force, which then scrambled fighters to shoot at the helpless civilians.

A bullet went through Roni and into her baby, killing them both instantly.

Witnessing this horror were Roni's husband, Jim, and their 6-year-old son, Cory, who were passengers on the plane. During the attack, the pilot of the civilian plane continued contact with civilian Peruvian air traffic controllers. According to press reports he said repeatedly, "They are killing us! They are killing us!"

After the plane was strafed, the American pilot working for the Baptist church was able to crash the burning plane into a river. The injured pilot together with Jim and Cory were able to escape the wreckage and float down the river grasping dislodged pieces of aircraft. One fighter plane continued to shoot at them. Reuters reported that the U.S. plane watched the incident from about a mile away.

We shouldn't be surprised that this occurred. Mad as hell maybe, but not surprised. After all, we are in a war, a war on drugs. And during times of war innocent people get in the way.

This tragedy has played itself out scores of times in recent years.

■ U.S. Marines shot and killed teenage goat herder Esequiel Hernandez in 1997 near his home in Texas, mistaking him for a drug runner.

■ Drug agents flew over 62-year-old Donald Scott's ranch and claimed they saw marijuana growing on his property. They raided his home, pushed his wife to the ground and shot him to death. No drugs were found.

■ Police, acting on false information about a \$30 drug deal, raided the home of 84-year-old, bed-ridden Anna Rae Dixon and shot her with a 12-gauge shotgun, killing her instantly.

■ In Denver, Ismael Mena was killed in September 1999 after a cop filed a false search warrant affidavit and the SWAT team raided the wrong home. Reportedly the last word from the father of nine was a questioning "¿Policia?" as the dressed-in-black SWAT team stormed into his small room.

The list goes on and on. It includes children, mothers, fathers, elderly ladies and teenage goat herders. All "collateral damage," according to common military parlance.

The increasing militarization of the drug war and our local police forces is a dangerous trend. Today most of the tactical and firearms training for "peace" officers comes straight out of military doctrine. The tactics taught are not of negotiations or individual bravery but of concentration of forces and firepower.

In our own state, the legislature has passed laws requiring the governor "as commander in chief" to use the soldiers of the Colorado National Guard for drug interdiction and enforcement.

To that end, the soldiers are providing "aviation assets and ground assistance units trained for the specific mission of cannabis suppression and eradication." They are available to local law enforcement in "narcotics-centered investigations with surveillance platforms, thermal imagery and night vision equipment, case support and intelligence analysis."

The soldiers are also training local officers at the County Sheriffs of Colorado facility in Douglas County on issues like "non-urban tactical operations" and "airmobile drug enforcement operations."

It is only a matter of time before our increasingly militarized tactics will result in more unintended deaths like those in Peru. I question whether it is worth it.

Policing and blaming Peru, Colombia or Mexico for our nation's drug problems is a little like blaming Saudi Arabia for traffic jams. This is a demand problem, not a supply problem.

We shut off the cocaine supply, then some people start cooking meth in their homes. We stop the meth and many will get high on Ecstasy, booze, the doctor's pills or whatever. Controlling the drug supply is like holding water in a fist, it just leaks out and goes on to something else.

Eventually we will realize a fist won't work against what is fundamentally a spiritual problem.

Before we suffer more innocent deaths at the hands of those sworn to protect us, before we lose touch with our local peace officers, and before more children overdose because we haven't identified or addressed the demand problem, we must rethink the drug war. We must change strategies.



Guest  
Commentary

**BILL  
MASTERS**

Telluride

Libertarian Bill Masters has served as sheriff of San Miguel County (Telluride) for 20 years. He is the author of the forthcoming book, "Drug War Addiction." He can be reached at [www.libertybill.net](http://www.libertybill.net). Guest commentary submissions of 650 words may be sent to The Post editorial page.



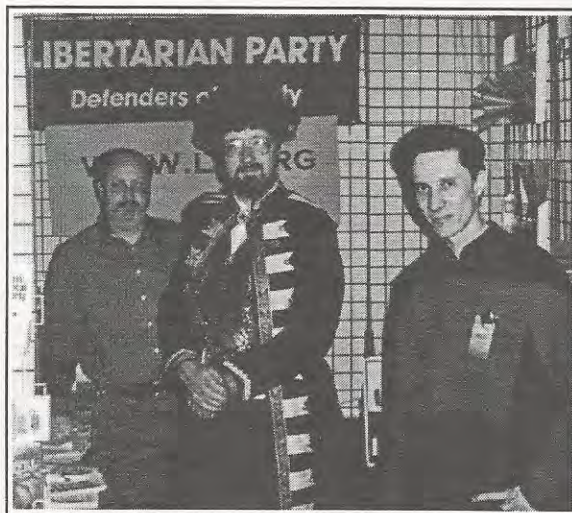
# 24 LP News from Around the State

## Libertarians to Meet with Glass

A meeting with Bob Glass and other Libertarian Party members will be held July 8, from 3 to 6 pm, at the Boulder Public Library in the auditorium. The library is located at 1000 Canyon Boulevard, one block west of the intersection of Canyon and Broadway. Glass may seek the Libertarian nomination for governor.

James Vance and his supporters are invited to attend, though a formal debate between the possible candidates will be held on a future date. The June 8 event is intended as an internal discussion among Libertarians rather than as a public forum.

The Boulder County Libertarians are hosting the event. They list additional information at <http://www.lpboulder.com/glass.grilling.html>.



*Ralph Shnelvar, Scott Graves, and Tony Middleton tend the LP booth at the Starfest Convention April 21. The event attracts science fiction enthusiasts. Colorado is home of libertarian sci-fi author L. Neil Smith, who wrote Pallas, The Probability Broach, and numerous other works. Shnelvar organized the booth at the convention.*

## Montrose Counters Smoking Ban

Lane Mills of the Western Slope Libertarian Party delivered a notice to the Montrose city clerk June 11 about the group's intention to repeal the city's recently approved smoking ban on select private properties. The WSLP measure is dubbed the "Property Rights Restoration Ordinance."

According to the proposed language, the smoking ban "has imposed unnecessary and unconstitutional burdens upon citizens," "created substantial division and animosity in our community," and "defined certain privately owned properties as 'public places.'" The Libertarian proposal seeks to strike "People's Ordinance 2001-2 (Smoking Prohibition)."

## Montrose Recognizes Activists

At our meeting held May 29, 2001, the members of the Western Slope Libertarian Party were fortunate

enough to hear firsthand from our co-chair, John Duncan, about the goings-on at the State convention. It seems we missed an inspirational and informative session. We appreciate the recognition given to several of our members in our efforts regarding property rights. We wish we could have all attended.

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize our two most dedicated and hardest working members, **Carl Rite** and **Rich Norenberg**. They have worked countless hours in our ongoing battle for property rights in our community. Their efforts in researching legal issues and preparing documents have been invaluable. They've been, and continue to be tireless in their efforts, and an asset we unabashedly exploit. They've been integral in our liaisons with local supporters in the business community. We owe them our gratitude, and much more.

Once again it was wonderful to hear about the convention. We hope to be able to attend in greater numbers next year, ideally, en masse.

Sincerely,  
Tim Jacobs  
Co-Chairman  
Western Slope Libertarian Party

## Colorado Hist. Society Plans Archive

The following note was sent by a representative of the Colorado Historical Society to Ari Armstrong, Publications Advisor to the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

"Here at the Colorado Historical Society we collect many publications from different interest groups around the state. When a copy of Colorado Liberty crossed my desk I realized that it is an important publication that is not being archived here. We would really appreciate a complimentary subscription."

## Gun Control Hurts Politicians

May 8—LPEP hosted candidates for Colorado Springs City Council prior to this month's election. One of the more notable items to come out of our forum was that all the challenger candidates were coming out in favor of repealing the city park gun ban.

Gazette reporter Ed Sealover was on hand and dutifully reported this fact in three different stories.

Incumbent Linda Barley used this as an opportunity to launch an attack ad on challenger Sallie Clark. The television ad, which was shown very frequently, depicted a tranquil playground scene transforming to ominous music as the voice-over spoke of Sallie Clark's



dangerous and irresponsible campaign stand on lifting the gun ban in city parks.

Sallie Clark won in a nearly 2 to 1 landslide victory over the incumbent. Other incumbent vs. challenger races showed no similar margin. Other issues, such as SCIP 01, for these two candidates were virtually identical.

It is very likely that the city park gun ban and Barley's attack ads cost her the election.

## Libertarian Women, Unite!

Desiree Hickson has organized the Ladies of Liberty in the Colorado Springs area. She writes, "We are libertarian-leaning wives, girlfriends, mothers, daughters and sisters. We believe in the right of a woman to keep and bear arms to protect herself and her family.

"We believe in all citizens' rights to life, liberty, and property. We believe in freedom. We believe that we can be our own voice; that we need no man or government to speak for us. We have our own voice. We are a force to be reckoned with. As our men fight for us, so shall we fight for them and our families. We are Ladies FOR Liberty For ALL! Visit us at our website: [www.ladiesofliberty.com](http://www.ladiesofliberty.com) or sign up for our email group by sending an email to [Subscribe-CoSprgsLadiesofLiberty@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Subscribe-CoSprgsLadiesofLiberty@yahoogroups.com)."

## Rocky's Autos Supports Freedom

The Denver "Million" Mom March group recently urged its members to boycott Rocky's Autos. An e-mail from the group ([millionmommarch\\_denver@yahoogroups.com](mailto:millionmommarch_denver@yahoogroups.com)) dated April 25 reads, "Feeling ornery? [A] donation from Rockys' Autos owner has made it possible for the TRT's radio show to expand... This allows [Bob] Glass a soapbox in which he and his phone-in guests can spew hate toward the 'insidious, immoral Commie Mommies' for not one but two hours. Mr. Rothrock has every right to throw his money at whatever he wants, but we also have a right to voice our displeasure to others and to choose to take our business elsewhere. While all of our opponents have a right to express their views and try to counter ours by peaceful protest, writing letters to the editor and talking to the legislators, etc., the TRT have routinely attempted to silence our voice and stop our meetings by bullying and intimidation. As defenders of the Bill of Rights, we find it incongruous that they systematically attempt to deny ours and that Mr. Rothrock supports them in their effort."

Glass has criticized the "Million" Mom group, but that's a far stretch from "spewing hate." Unfortunately, the MMM has "spewed hate" toward gun owners by suggesting they do not love children. Further, Glass'

group has never attempted to "silence the voice" of the MMM, though it has rallied against it, always peacefully and lawfully. The suggestion that the TRT has "denied" the speech rights of the MMM is simply a lie.

Glass responded to the MMM, "David Rothrock has shown extraordinary courage by putting his name in with the freedom movement. Hopefully, his shop will be rewarded in the free marketplace."

Rocky's Autos is located at 6350 Federal Boulevard in Westminster.

## Local Elections

Campaigns Director Norm Olsen sent in the following statute about local elections.

31-10-301 - Electors eligible to hold municipal office.

Every registered elector eighteen years of age or older on the date of the election may be a candidate and hold office in any municipality, unless another age is required by local charter or ordinance, if he has resided in the municipality or municipality and ward, as the case may be, from which he is to be elected for a period of at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election. In case of an annexation, any person who has resided within the territory annexed for the prescribed time shall be deemed to have met the residence requirements for the municipality and precinct to which the territory was annexed. No person may be a candidate for two municipal offices at the same election nor hold two elective municipal offices simultaneously; except that, in statutory cities, the offices of clerk and treasurer may be sought and held by the same person.

## Shnelvar Teaches Freedom

Libertarian Ralph Shnelvar spoke to a government class at Fairview High School. Even though he said many students seemed bored with school, part of the class seemed to absorb his message. "[O]n the second day of classes I heard one young man shout to his class 'Libertarians rule!'" Shnelvar wrote for the May *Liberty News* of Boulder County.

He adds, "If you can possibly do it, I strongly urge you to teach a class about freedom." He said interested persons should contact him at [ralphs@dos32.com](mailto:ralphs@dos32.com) or 303.546.6125.

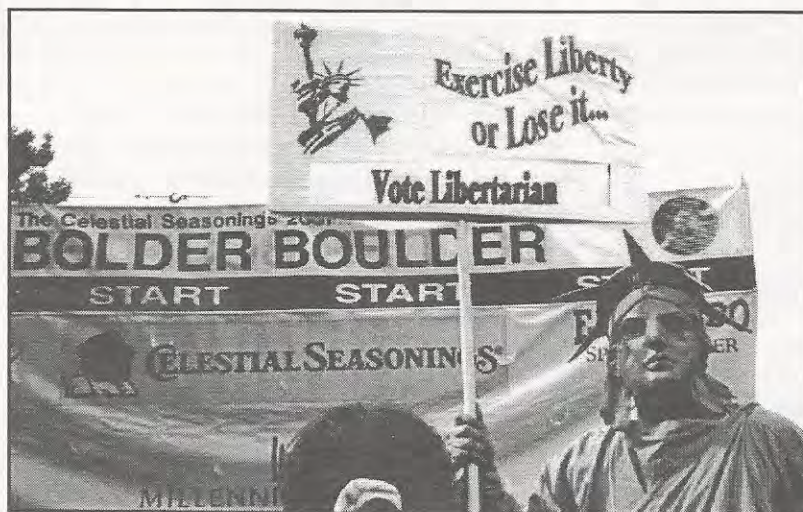
## People's Fair

David Bryant helped organize the Libertarian presence at this year's People's Fair in Denver. Members talked to the public and handed out literature.

*"We believe in all citizens' rights to life, liberty, and property."*



# 26 Lady Liberty Joins Bolder Boulder



The weekend's events netted two new dues paying members, 20 new Libertarian voter registrations, a half dozen new members for the CU "Campus Libertarians" (now the largest and best organized campus affiliate in the state), and fifty requests for information. In addition, Libertarians handed out over 2,000 copies of the LP's mock million dollar bill which critiques government waste.

"It was a real kick," said Greg Woods as he neared the finish line of the race. "I almost can't wait for next year to do it again."

Libertarians from Boulder County—including one walking tall on stilts dressed as the Statue of Liberty—crossed the finish line of this year's Bolder Boulder on Memorial day.

"Several county affiliates, some new, some older but revived with new energy, have set their sights on the coveted 'number one state affiliate' spot, and we here in Boulder applaud this yearning to be the best. However, we are not going to surrender that spot easily," said Lori Van Buren, Boulder chair.

On Memorial day the LPBC set out to run two simultaneous outreach events on different sides of the city of Boulder. "I wanted to make the LPBC simply too big to ignore, and I think that we did that," said Joe Johnson, this year's coordinator of the Boulder Creek Festival and "man behind the mask" of Liberty at this year's Bolder Boulder.

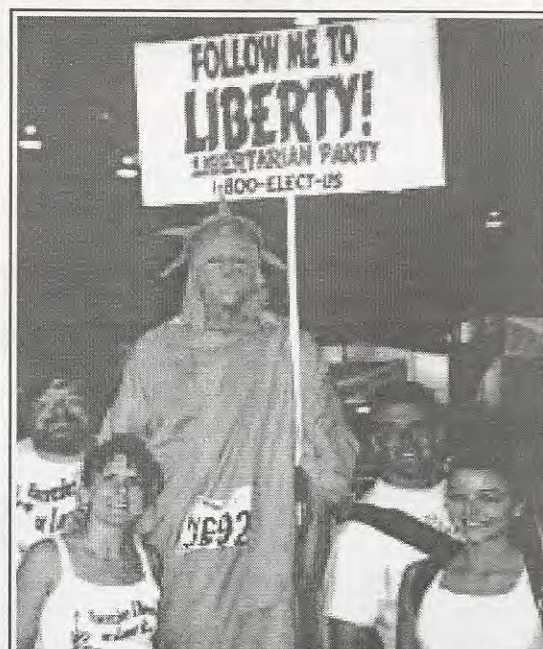
The Boulder Creek Festival ran Saturday through Monday, and seven Libertarians escorted Lady Liberty along the ten kilometer route of the Bolder Boulder, which drew an estimated 100,000 participants and spectators.

"We have definitely raised the bar. The ante has been 'upped,' and the benchmark has just gotten a bit tougher for all of those county affiliates who want to know what it feels like to be the best!" said Elizabeth Bennett, who designed the Libertarian T-shirts worn at the events.

In the past, running even one event per month was a stress on the resources of the LPBC, but due to the recent surge in membership, outreach efforts have been growing accordingly. "But it is not just quantity, but quality which has improved," said Johnson. "Our recent efforts at building the skill level of our activists are paying dividends."

"I saw the walking Statue of Liberty, and had to come find out what all the fuss was about," said one person who stopped by and took the world's smallest political quiz at the booth. "I had heard of the Libertarians before, but I never knew what you guys were all about, now I know."

Johnson said, "I would like to thank those who helped make this year's event such a huge success. Especially the 'escorts of Liberty,' Elizabeth Bennett, Katrina Sailer, Greg Woods, John Pooch, Hans Romer, Wesley Pinchot, and a special thanks to Chuck Wright who, after the group left the stadium on the final leg to the creek festival, stayed behind and handed out several hundred more flyers to the crowds in the stadium!"



L-r: Wesley Pinchot, Elizabeth Bennett, Lady Liberty (Joe Johnson), Hans Romer, and Katrina Sailer.

*"I saw the walking Statue of Liberty, and had to come find out what all the fuss was about."*



# Rocky Mountain News

May 25, 2001

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## SPEAKOUT

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### Court's medical marijuana ruling was no surprise

By Dr. Shawn E. Glazer

The Supreme Court's decision on May 14 that marijuana "has no currently accepted medical use" was no surprise. The members of the Supreme Court, like the rest of America, have spent decades under the thrall of propaganda against the "evil weed." Following the Supreme Court's ruling, Norma Anderson, state senator from Lakewood, said, "I'm going to assume our law will also be overturned. I will not shed any tears. In fact, I'm quite gleeful." I am continually saddened that politicians like Anderson place political posturing above the health and comfort of the sickest among us.

As a physician I was initially taught about marijuana only in the category of drugs of abuse. It was lumped in with the far more dangerous drugs heroin and cocaine.

Once leaving the classroom, my own patients began to open my eyes. One of the first to admit to me to using marijuana was an AIDS-infected, soft-spoken mother of two. She brewed tea from the flowers and used it to combat the nausea that came with the drugs she had to take to stay alive. Concerned about her well-being and the safety of her children I urged her to stop and gave her prescriptions for marinol, a synthetic derivative of marijuana, and different anti nausea drugs. Over the next few months she lost weight and the "T-cell" count that reflected the health of her immune system dropped dramatically. She could no longer hold down the medications she needed to live. I felt I had violated medicine's primary rule "First do no harm." I relented on my discouragement of marijuana use for her. As she began to

improve again I began to research it on my own.

There is evidence that marijuana can be helpful in a variety of ailments including glaucoma, the nausea and loss of appetite that people undergoing cancer and AIDs treatment suffer from, and muscle pain and spasms from diseases like multiple sclerosis. It has risks, certainly, but no more than many other commonly prescribed medications.

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The harmful effects of marijuana have been grossly overstated to the general public. It does not drive people mad or cause instant addiction. I have never once seen or read of a death due to pure marijuana overdose while I have seen patients die from overdoses of several different prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Every day, doctors prescribe potentially addicting opiates such as codeine. In doing so they do not encourage drug abuse, alcoholism, or drunk driving. Similarly, as a society, we must distinguish between

medical use and abuse of any substance.

When an elected official such as Anderson says she is "quite gleeful" about the defeat of medical marijuana legalization, one wonders why. Would she be gleeful to watch patients face a choice between the risk of jail or taking medicine that decreases pain and prolongs lives? I pray she never has to make such a decision in her own life.

We must look at who wins and who lose from keeping marijuana illegal. The winners include the pharmaceutical companies that synthesize less effective and more expensive medications. Also benefiting are law enforcement agencies, which seize property of marijuana users and keep the proceeds.

The losers are the critically ill and their families. Some, like the young woman above, are fortunate not to run afoul of the law. Others are not so lucky. Activist Peter McWilliams suffered from both cancer and AIDS. He kept in decent health with the use of marijuana as an anti nausea medicine—that is until drug enforcers arrested him and stopped him from taking marijuana. Peter then choked to death on his own vomit.

It is time as a society to make decisions on a higher level, decisions based on scientific research and respect for the individual. Like alcohol prohibition, marijuana prohibition has done more harm than good. Medical decisions belong in the laboratory and the exam room, not the court room.

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# Rocky Mountain News

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## SPEAKOUT

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# No apology for defending, exercising rights

By Bob Glass

It is outrageous, hypocritical and cowardly for a journal like the *Rocky Mountain News*, whose daily existence rests on the sanctity of the First Amendment, to take cheap shots at those citizens who choose to exercise their First Amendment rights in a different way. I am referring to the attacks made against me and the Tyranny Response Team in the editorial of May 31, "Louts on the protest line."

I will not apologize for using our passion, our lungs and our bullhorns to convey our message. Being a true grass-roots movement we do not have the corporate sponsors or the money that the Million Mom March or SAFE Colorado has, and consequently we cannot afford to run full-page ads in the *News* like they do. We must stand in the streets and holler, because the media has failed miserably in its responsibility to report all sides of the issue.

Despite the best effort of *News* reporters such as Carla Crowder to discredit us, a handful of people willing to stand up for the Bill of Rights has drawn large numbers of people into our ranks, not just in Colorado, but across the country. The numbers of the Million Mom Marchers on the other hand, have plummeted faster than the Mir space station. Their Mother's Day rally that drew 3,500 people a year ago only attracted a pathetic 200 this year.

They were quick to blame the tactics of the TRT for their dismal turnout, never once considering that it is our message that is at last being heeded. Not content simply to point their fingers at us and scream, "No fair!," they had to rat us out to the high

priests and police of political correctness, the Anti-Defamation League. The ADL, like their cowardly and hypocritical brethren in the Million Mom March, won't come right out and call us anti-Semites or racists (a tall order considering that I am Jewish), but must rely on their stock in trade of smear, innuendo and character assassination.

They claim to be concerned about the

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"kind of people that might be drawn into our ranks" and the possible link between "rogue members of the TRT that might have made threats against Tom Mauser." And like their philosophical comrades at the *News*, they too are concerned with our tactics.

This is a transparent and despicable attempt to demonize us without having the guts to accuse us of anything concrete or engage us in a public debate. And after all, what can they accuse us of? No member of the TRT has ever been arrested at a demonstration, nor has any member been questioned about threatening anyone.

I have repeatedly asked the Million Mom March, SAFE Colorado and the ADL to debate the issue with me in a public forum of their choosing. They have all refused. As a consequence of their refusal they have left us no choice but to use the theater of the street to make our points.

Despite the self-evident absurdity of their emotional rhetoric, their arguments are historically, ethically, morally and constitutionally bankrupt and they know it—hence their refusal to debate.

It is an inescapable irony that history repeats itself. Undoubtedly the good, upstanding, respectable members of Boston society along with their newspapers strictly condemned the tactics of a band of ruffians and hooligans who, some 200 years ago, boarded a ship in Boston Harbor and contemptuously broke the rules.

These "louts" dressed up in outrageous costumes and painted their faces in wild colors as they trespassed on private property. This band of rowdies stole merchandise and, in bold defiance of the king's law, dumped it into the sea. This act of flagrant disregard for all civilized behavior was to become known as the Boston Tea Party.

You might find our tactics distasteful. We find the destruction of liberty even more distasteful. Get used to us. Unlike our *cause du jour* adversaries, we have pledged our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor to winning back our freedoms.

**Bob Glass is president of the Longmont-based Tyranny Response Team.**



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restitution. Restorative justice often encourages the criminal to meet with the victims in order to understand the impact of the crime.

The victims and other interested parties become involved in deciding how the offending party can make amends. Barton knows Bill Groom, a lawyer who is active in a restorative justice program in Colorado Springs. Groom and Ari Armstrong met while working with Christie Donner's Prison Moratorium Coalition.

**Michele Poague, Elizabeth Bennett, and Debra Collins** described how they used a gun for self-defense. Collins is active in the national group Second Amendment Sisters, with has taken on the "Million" Mom March. She used a shotgun to hold her violent ex-husband at bay until the police could arrive. Poague's home was broken into several times, so she got a defensive gun. Bennett also talked about how she arrived at her libertarian ideas.

**Doug Newman** discussed "how to relate libertarianism to the Christian community." **Tom Parker** and **David Bryant** discussed ways to use the internet for research and advocacy.

**Norm Olsen, Carla Howell, and Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer** discussed campaign strategies. Howell said that tapping into existing networks of voters is often easier than trying to locate current non-voters. One point of interest was how the Libertarian Party should relate to the other parties and political groups.

National Chair **Dr. James Lark** hosted a panel with **Dolly Magno** and **Jamie Kent** from the Auraria campus and **Matt Zenthoefer** from CU, Boulder. Lark remains active at getting Libertarian campus groups off the ground. Magno and Kent helped with the convention. The CU group recently hosted a talk with David Friedman and a discussion on civil arms with Ari Armstrong and Bruce Tiemann.

**Ron Bain** provided information on how to deal with the media in order to get positive press coverage. **Dr. Gene Leverett**, a veterinarian, and **Jerry Sonnenberg** discussed agricultural policy.

**David Aitken** hosted a discussion called "Voting for Dummies." One idea he discussed was run-off voting, which the Green Party has been touting in Colorado. The idea is to allow voters to rank the candidates so that the "wasted vote" issue becomes moot.

**Steve Givot** hosted discussions on building coalitions and better relating libertarian ideas in our conversations. **Robert Brittain, MD**, discussed the history of physician-assisted suicide.

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